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Freeman Curtis House
Stratford, Connecticut

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of Connecticut

Historic American Buildings Survey
Harold H. Davis, District Officer
29 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

FREEMAN CURTIS HOUSE

Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut

Owner: Mrs. Elmer H. Havens

Date of erection: 1715

Architect: Not known

Builder: Not known

Present Condition: Added lean-to at rear containing kitchen and
pantry. Front ell containing two rooms.

Number of stories: Two and one-half stories

Materials of Construction: Stone foundations
Clapboard sidewalls
Plain pitch roof
Pine interiors, mantels and wainscotingOther Existing Records: Colonial Dames Series: "Old Houses of
Connecticut"

List of Photographs

1. Southeast Elevation
2. View from Northeast
3. View from Northwest
4. Detail of Stairs
5. Dining Room (East Wall)
6. Living Room Mantel (West Wall)

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Earliest mention of the house is found in the will of William Judson, deed executed on April 25, 1715 including the premises and dwelling house thereon to his son James.

In 1763, James Judson deeded the house to his son-in-law, Joseph Curtis; in 1810, the house passed to Freeman Curtis, grandfather of the present owner, Mrs. Elmer H. Havens.

An interesting feature of the framing is the appearance of the main sill of the house above the floor and cased in, showing that the joists were built into the stone foundations instead of on top.

Source of information: Colonial Dames Series: "Old Houses of Connecticut.

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